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## Mrs. M. E. Johnson Dies in 101st Year

Miss Maverett Ellen Johnson, aged 100, died at the Bronson Nursing home Sunday, Dec. 28, where she observed her 100th birthday in October.

She was born in West Boylston, the daughter of William H. and Elsemere Ballard Johnson, and had been a resident of Gill since the age of two, except for three and one-half years when she lived with Mrs. Flora Severance in East Northfield and for the past five years spent at the Bronson Nursing Home in Northfield.

She was a member of the Gill Grange which was disbanded many years ago and the Friends in Council of Turners Falls.

She leaves three cousins, Mrs. Ernest Blake and Clesson P. Blake of Gill and Mrs. Ruth J. Cook of Worcester.

Funeral services were held at the McCarthy funeral home in Turners Falls Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Paul H. Chapman of All Souls Unitarian church of Greenfield officiating. Cremation followed in Springfield.

## Center School Forms New Reporter's Club

A Reporters' club has been organized at the Center school by pupils of the sixth grade with Susan Leonard chairman and Ernest Moran, their teacher, advisor.

Members and the room teachers they represent are: JoAnne Butler, Miss Smithers' kindergarten; Margaret Chula and Patricia Butler, Mrs. Bolton's and Mrs. Thomas' grades 1; Dale Derry and Scot Sanderson, Mrs. Haack's and Mrs. North's grades 2; Harry Glazier and Linda Scott, Mrs. Stebbins' and Mrs. LaClaire's grades 3; Susan Leonard and Mary Hawley, Mrs. Sheldon's and Mrs. Miles' grades 4; Diane Walker and Linda Huber, Mrs. Parker's and Mrs. Barry's grades 5; Sally Atwood and JoAnne Klowan, Mr. Morell's and Mr. Moran's grades 6.

## Unitarian Vesper Service Enjoyed by More Than 100

The vesper service at the Unitarian church Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by over 100 who attended.

The program arranged by Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, church organist, and Leon Dunnell, musician and teacher, follows:

Invocation, Rev. Charles D. Moore; pipe organ, "The Shepherds' Watch" by DeBrant, Mrs. Goodspeed; vocal solos, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "My Prayer" by Humphreys, Mrs. Clifford Jackson; electric organ, "Ave Maria" by Shubert, excerpt from "New World Symphony," Dvorak, Mr. Dunnell; vocal solos, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," Negro spiritual, and "O Holy Night," Adam, Miss Nancy Mann; electric organ, "Meditation on Thais," by Massenet, "Deep River," Negro spiritual, and "Steal Away," Mr. Dunnell; flute and pipe organ, "Flute Sonata," three movements, by Bach, Miss Joanne Dickinson; flute, Peter Tanner, organ; pipe organ, "Postlude" by Ashford, Mrs. Goodspeed.

Mrs. Jackson is from Winchester and is a former voice student at the New England Conservatory. Miss Mann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann of Northfield Farms and is a junior at Simmons college, doing voice

## Fortnightly To Hear Rev. Frank B. Carr

Rev. Frank Benjamin Carr, assistant chaplain, of Mount Hermon school, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Fortnightly this afternoon at 8 o'clock. Mr. Carr spent one summer in Alaska under the government agriculture department and will speak and show colored slides of that new state. A coffee hour will precede the meeting from 2 to 3 o'clock.

## Grange Receives Award Ribbon

The Northfield Grange held its final meeting for 1958 Dec. 23. At the business meeting an award ribbon was received from the lecturer of the Massachusetts State Grange for an "achievement" program.

An invitation was received from Millers River Grange of Orange to a "Neighbors' Night" meeting Saturday, Jan. 10, which was accepted. The birthdays of Mrs. Addie Black, Harold Carroll, Mrs. Georgia Holton and Mrs. Marian Griffin were honored.

There were visitors from Montague and state deputy of the New Hampshire State Grange George Joselyn and his wife and mother from Spofford, N. H., paid a call.

A program was presented by Lewis Shine, lecturer, which included carol singing, reading of Christmas poems and pantomimes. Each member gave an account of his best Christmas.

All enjoyed a potluck supper which preceded the meeting at 7 o'clock.

The next meeting of Northfield Grange will be held on Jan. 13.

Special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Stryker of 131 Summer street, Amherst, on the birth of twin sons on Dec. 24 at the Cooley Dickinson hospital in Northampton. David Stryker is publisher of the Northfield Press and Mrs. Stryker his very able assistant.

work with a New England conservatory teacher.

Miss Dickinson is from Winchester and is a senior at the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Tanner, a graduate of the same college, is working for his master's degree there. Both are members of the Rochester, N. Y., Symphony orchestra.

At the close of the music service Mrs. Goodspeed expressed the thanks and appreciation of all to the guest artists.

The electric organ was installed and loaned for the occasion by the Kinsman Organ Co. of Lacombe, N. H.

The pipe organ at the church is a very old one—placed in the church when it was built in 1873 and the records state that the purchase price was \$300 and that it was second hand. Experts who have recently worked on this organ say that it is a very fine old organ of particularly good tone. However no name or place of the maker has ever been found on it.

The church committee will plan another hour of music at the church at some future time as this was deemed most gratifying by all.

## Republican Town Committee To Nominate Slate for Caucus

The Republican town committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the town hall at 8 o'clock. At this meeting a slate of officers to be nominated at the Republican caucus scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21, will be formulated.

Town officers to be voted on at the March, 1959, town meeting and the present incumbents are: moderator, Edgar J. Livingston; town clerk, Horace F. Field; town treasurer, Charles F. Slate; selectman for three years, Stanley Wickey; assessor for three years, Clifford A. Field; tax collector, Roy J. Fish; school committee

member for three years, Irving J. Lawrence; library trustees, two for three years, Louise M. Reeves and Luman A. Barber; cemetery commissioner, David G. Quinn; tree warden, Joseph Bilmon; constables, four, one to be from Northfield Farms, Paul E. Chamberlain, Joseph G. Morgan, Niles E. Stone and Murray M. Hammond, and one planning board member, L. Percy Goodspeed.

Names of prospective candidates willing to serve in these various town offices will be considered and a slate selected by

vote to be sponsored at the caucus on Jan. 21.

The Republican committee, as a committee, may sponsor but one candidate for an office, but this does not preclude any registered Republican or any committee member, as an individual, from naming a candidate of his or her choice at the caucus.

Any person who wishes to propose an eligible person for a town office on this Republican slate may contact Wallace Stange, L. Percy Goodspeed or any other member of the committee.

## St. Patrick's Church Sponsors Skating Party

An ice skating party will take place Sunday, Jan. 4, for all children of St. Patrick's church and their friends.

Everyone will meet in front of the church at 1:30 p.m. and transportation will be provided. Children will bring ice skates and 10 cents for a skating fee. Each child will also bring a lunch as all children will return to the church to have their lunches and the committee will serve hot chocolate.

Parents will pick the children up at the church at 5:30. Committee workers are Mrs. Leslie Gibson, Mrs. David Quinn, Mrs. John Callahan, Mrs. William Forrest, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Stanley Powers.

## Center School News

Those children at the Center school who had perfect attendance during the month of December were:

Kindergarten, Miss Smithers, teacher; Roland Deane, Michael Plotezyk, Donald Bolton, Edward Dembek, Gregory Given, Joseph Krejmas, Jr., Frances Callaghan, Deborah Henderson, Janice Ross, Lou Ann Hartwell, Katherine Jones, Marjorie Kimball, Nancy Smolen, Bonnie Stearns and Sheila Thompson.

Grade 1, Mrs. Bolton, teacher; Kerry McColleston, Linda Spencer, Laura Stacy, Loreli Stearns, Margaret Tillson, Kathleen Waterman, Dennis Arsenault, Stephen Chula, Christopher Gancarz, Gary Knapp, Donald Martin, Stephen Payne, Earl Talfor.

Grade 1, Mrs. Thomas, teacher; Clifford Andrew, Daniel Arsenault,

## Panel To Discuss Low Food Budgets

A meeting on ways of keeping your food budget low will be sponsored by the Franklin County Extension Service Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Western Massachusetts Electric company rooms.

The panel to present the information will include Harriet J. Wright, Extension foods and nutrition specialist on "Nutrition and Menu Planning."

Marjorie M. Merchant, Extension specialist in consumer marketing education, on "Food Marketing"; Kirby M. Hayes, Extension marketing specialist, food technology on "Food Preservation."

## Legion Auxiliary Collecting Stamps

The local American Legion auxiliary is collecting used postage stamps to be sent to hospitals and schools. The stamps should be cut from envelopes with a half to a quarter of an inch of paper margin around them to be sure the stamp is not damaged.

These stamps are removed from the paper by the recipients and packaged to sell to collectors, work that can be easily done by handicapped.

Among the institutions to which stamps have been sent in the past are the School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vt., and Father Flanagan's Boys' Town. Save your stamps and give them to Mrs. Lura Stone, president of the auxiliary or to any member.

Clifford Call, Bryant Deane, William Howe, Paul Spaulding, Marie Bourbeau, Ruth Boutwell, Katherine Butinski, Norma Fisher, Sha-

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## Gfld. Winter Carnival Scheduled Jan. 21-25

Greenfield's five-day winter carnival Jan. 21-25, will end with the NEASA-sanctioned invitational ski jump Sunday, Jan. 25. More than fifteen well-known jumpers have contacted Bill Avison of the jump committee, indicating that they will be here for this annual sports event, sponsored by the Edelweiss ski club and the Greenfield area Chamber of Commerce.

Among these is Einar Dahlen from the University of New Hampshire (an exchange student from Norway). Einar was top winner last year and holds the East Greenfield hill record. Other entrants include Roy Sherwood from Salisbury, Conn., who was national champion in 1954 and was on the 1956 Olympic team, Arthur Tokle from the Oden Ski club of Lake Telnar, N. J., who is a two-time national champion (in 1951 and 1953), a member of the 1952 Olympic team, and a member of the World Ski team in 1950, 1954 and 1958—a representative of the Brattleboro, Vt., Outing club will be Charles Tremblay, a member of the 1956 Olympic team. Class B entrants include Pat Irish of the Dartmouth Outing club and his cousin, David Farwell, of Montague, who will represent the University of Massachusetts.

Greenfield's winter carnival will open on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, when the best of ski movies will be shown at the Greenfield junior high school. Other events include a queen contest, snowflake hop, skating events, junior skiing competition, the annual ski ball at the eldon hotel—with the grand finale being the ski jump, starting at 2 Sunday, Jan. 25.

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## Holiday Decorations Termed Fire Hazard

Warnings are being issued from all local fire departments about Christmas trees left in the house for decorations. A dried out Christmas tree as it will be if it has been in the house since before Christmas is a definite fire hazard and should be removed immediately as should any other accumulation of greens, wrappings and papers.

The Northfield fire department was called out Saturday morning at about 11 a.m. to care for a very hot chimney fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann on South Mountain road. The fire was confined to the chimney and no damage was reported.

Friday the department had been called at 9:30 a.m. to the home of Mrs. Mary Schryba on the Millers Falls road for a chimney fire.

## To Our Subscribers:

With this issue a full year of experimentation is concluded. It has been both a successful and disappointing experience. Our circulation and readership has increased, but our advertising revenue, although at times most excellent, has not been consistent enough to justify continuance in the present form.

Therefore, we are temporarily discontinuing publishing the "Press" as of this issue while we search for a new method of keeping our mechanical costs in line with our revenue.

Any of you who wish may of course write to us and we will refund a proportionate share of your subscription immediately. We have full expectation of republishing within a month or two in an entirely different way. If you prefer to wait your subscription will be extended automatically.

If we find that we cannot publish again, the unused proportionate share of your subscription will be mailed to you on March 15.

During the interim, we will still carry on the Northfield Area News Program with Dorothy Miller at 8:45 to 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday on WHAI and WHAI-FM. WHAI as you know is at 1240 on the dial and WHAI-FM on 98.3 on FM sets. For our Winchester friends, Mrs. Miller will include Winchester news daily.

John W. Haigis, Jr.



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## Wild Geese

The story about wild geese published in the Northfield Press of Nov. 21 led to Mrs. Gertrude Churchill Whitney's writing the following poem which was published in the Hartford Courant's Dec. 6 issue, in their column edited by Grace H. Loomis called "This Singing World."

### WILD GEESE

Honk! Honk!

'We are the lords of the air ways,  
Fleeing the breath of the Frost King,  
Swiftly and high, with sinews of steel.  
We peer below with pitying gaze,  
At you, wingless pigmies of Earth, who fling  
Great bombs at the moon, our guiding wheel.  
Honk! Honk!

Ye pigmies of Earth, would you know

Why we fly six weeks early this year,  
We, augurs from days of old?  
Our Arctic nests are buried in snow.  
Know ye, an early winter is here,  
We flee to the South to escape the cold.  
Honk! Honk!

Our leaders are strong, far-seeing and wise.  
They follow the ribbon that's blue by day;  
By moonlight, it shines like a silver thread.  
In V-shape, we took to the upper skys—

With your man made wings, we taught you the way.  
In the South, we shall find our accustomed marsh-bed.

## Church Notes

TRINITARIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
REV. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister  
Mrs. F. H. MOSSE, Director of  
Christian Education

EUGENE GANCARZ, Choir Director  
Mrs. ROBERT P. BARNES, Organist  
9:45 a.m. Church School

11 a.m., public worship, sermon subject, "The First New Testament Book." New members will be received and Holy Communion observed. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. John Trumbull, assisted by Nancy Magoon and Carol Waaser. Beginning with the second hymn, children of grades 1 through 4 supervised by high school girls.

5 p.m., business meeting of the officers and committee chairmen of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship, meeting in the vestry. Brenda Slater will lead devotions. Mr. Reeves will lead the discussion on "Teen-age Commandments."

7:45 p.m., a special meeting of the church cabinet. All officers and committee members are urged to be present.

The senior choir rehearsals will be resumed on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. These rehearsals are

one hour in length.

The next meeting of the Brotherhood is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Jan. 14.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN  
CHURCH

REV. CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister  
Mrs. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist  
and Choir Director  
RAY A. KNAPP, Church School  
Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45 a.m., church school.  
9:45 a.m., sermon, subject, "A New Look at Life."

6:30 p.m., liberal religious youth meeting.

Tuesday, 6:30, Men's club, supper meeting, guest speaker, Rev. Lester P. White of Mount Hermon.

Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Afternoon Alliance with a guest speaker from the New England Telephone company. Hostesses: Mrs. Bertha Leach and Mrs. Mabelle Harri-man.

ST. PATRICK'S  
Catholic

REV. HENRY MCKEON, Pastor  
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate  
8:30 a.m., Sunday morning mass  
No catechism classes.

1:30 p.m., children and friends will meet at the church to go ice skating.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

During the Christmas and New Year holidays, many of the students home from college or universities, and from the Northfield schools are using our library for required reading.

A recent gift to the library from Mrs. Grace Birdsall, of East Northfield, was the book by Joseph Lewis, entitled, "Thomas Paine; author of the Declaration of Independence." Mr. Lewis has made a thorough study of Thomas Paine, and in his book draws the definite conclusion that he was the writer and author of the Declaration of Independence, not Thomas Jefferson.

Among the new books received last week are the following titles: "A picture history of ships," by C. Hamilton Ellis; "Real book of Pre-historic Life," by Dorothy Shuttleworth; "Bridges at Tokoro," by Michener; "Mark of Zorro," by McCulley; "The Round House," by Arkell; "The Moonflower," by Phyllis Whitney; "Francis Marion," by Wm. Steele; and the Illustrated Classics Edition of Don Quixote.

Three books have recently been given by the Northfield Garden Club, for the use of the townspeople. The Garden Club now has 72 books in the library, which are a definite addition to our collection of garden books. The new books are: "Window-box gardening," by Henry Teuscher; an illustrated guide for the outdoor culture of plants in boxes, tubs, and hanging baskets. Better Homes and Gardens  
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NORTHFIELD BAPTIST  
CHURCH

REV. HAROLD TALLMAN, Pastor  
Mrs. BERNARD NEIPP, Organist  
Mrs. WINIFRED TOWNSEND,  
Assistant Organist

Mrs. RALPH PERRY, Pianist  
Mrs. WILLIAM MESSER, Sunday  
School Superintendent  
10 a.m., Sunday school.

11 a.m., morning worship with sermon, nursery and junior church 6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., "Hour of Power."

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE  
CLASSES

Monday—7:30 p.m., Bible study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers.

Thursday afternoon, Bible club for elementary school children at the Rogers home. Mrs. Arthur Stacey, leader.

All who are interested are invited to join these study groups.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH  
REV. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor  
Miss HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist  
Mrs. HOMER BROWNING, Sunday  
School Superintendent

Jan. 3, Young People's rally at Moores Corner.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school.

11:30, worship service, Communion Sunday.

6:15 p.m., young people's meeting.

7:30 p.m., evening service.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., visitations.

Wednesday evening, prayer meeting.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Saturday, 10:05, Sing and Bring time on WHAI.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN  
SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor  
Mrs. RALPH GIBSON, Organist  
Mrs. HAROLD PARSONS, Sunday  
School Superintendent

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship service.

11:30, Sunday school.

7 p.m., Young People's meeting.

7:30 p.m., evening service, Bible message.

Monday evening, Good Neighbors' meeting.

Thursday evening, no prayer meeting.

## CROSSTOWN

By Roland Coe



THE LITTLE SCOUTS

"Oh, Mr. Johnson'll have SOME excuse dreamed up for wanting to stay home today."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Northfield Press:

We are remembering all of you this holiday season and wishing you health, happiness and prosperity for the new year.

We have been here in the new 49th state for a little over a year now and have enjoyed living on this pleasant island of Kodiak with its moderate climate, beautiful scenery, huge Kodiak bears and other Alaskan wildlife, sharing in many interesting naval activities and meeting people stationed here from all over the United States.

Looking back over the past year makes us realize how very similar life here is to that which we knew back home. Same small-town community activities: PTA, Scouts, church services and activities, sewing circles, bingo, concerts, Little Theatre, movies, dances and other familiar doings. Also the ladies here are just as fashionably dressed as the smart set are back in the States—no mukluks or parkas (except perhaps during the few weeks of real cold weather during mid-winter) and straw bonnets are much in evidence on Easter Sunday. The schools here are excellent also, so we have few complaints.

The children have been doing very well in school and have enjoyed very satisfactory teachers in both grades. The school hours per day are somewhat longer than back home—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—but school closes in the middle of May. Both children are active in Scouts, Allan being a patrol leader this year. He went to Scout camp last summer (his first experience) and gained considerably from the two weeks spent "on his own" for the first time. Allan has been progressing nicely with his clarinet lessons and Alice has performed with her ballet class several times for various clubs on the base and once on TV at the local station. We have an excellent library on the base and are among the most active borrowers of the fine new books which are constantly being received.

We have made many trips around the island and have a fine collection of colored kodachromes to bring back to show our families and friends, and hope to add a great many more to our present number. Recently Harold and Allan went on a hunting trip by boat to nearby Afognak Island, and we are waiting for the pictures they took on that fine trip to be developed. We have been mountain climbing exploring new places, had many picnics and even flew on a trip to Terror Bay, where Harold shot his bear last year. That was a very exciting flight over towering mountains and lakes, rivers and bays and we got a very clear picture of what this island is like from the air.

Participating in the first election last month was very thrilling even though our candidate did not win. We believe that Alaska is on the verge of great growth and prosperity, and the discovery of vast unknown resources is at hand. We feel privileged at having been here at this momentous time.

Natalie and Harold Briesmaster

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## Through a Kitchen Window

A delightful new book, "Plants of Woodland and Wayside", written, and illustrated in color by the press in time for Christmas, Su Zan Noguchi Swain came off and found its way into our collection. A slim volume of 57 pages, it is plastic covered and measures about eight and one-half by eleven inches. Six different species of plants in natural color decorate the front cover, and a trailing vine of Cat Brier wanders across the back cover. One is attracted to the book immediately, captivated by the colors.

The information in the book is authoritative and the drawings artistically beautiful. Although primarily for children, it is a book that will appeal to all ages. The aim of the book is "to introduce beginners to the fascinating world of plants. It attempts to present briefly the basic facts about plants in general, and the tremendous role they play in the life plan on this earth. It describes pictorially the wild flowers of our woods, roadways, fields, swamps, deserts, and mountains. Practically all of them have been drawn from living specimens." An indication of size accompanies each illustration which is most helpful.

Beginning with a cell and its structure, the author introduces the reader-and-viewer to simple, minute plant life, the great variety and beauty of the fungi, algae, lichens and mosses. The horse-tails, club mosses and ferns are next in line. How lacy and what delicate patterns these latter make against the pages of the book. Mention is made briefly of the gymnosperms such as the cone-bearing plants. A short chapter on the parts of plants and their function, the types of leaves, and something about the seeds of plants leads the reader into the everyday plants found close at hand. And as a nice extra "there are more than a dozen rare plants which are peculiar to a small area" such as the curious bladderwort. You will find the "meat eaters" delightfully fascinating.

The red bee balm or Monarda and the white baneberry or dolls' eyes are the most striking of the six plants pictured on the cover. Inside both front and back covers silhouettes of eight different plants march across the lower edge in dark sepia against a background of rich wheat color. There appears to be no identification of the handsome silhouettes or the flowers on the front cover.

Do you often wonder just what an author is like? We happen to know Mrs. Swain, a friend of long standing. She is an attractive per-



son with jet black hair and a porcelain complexion. She is a charming woman, the mother of two teen-age sons, capable along many lines.

In a letter from this versatile author-artist not long ago we learned of a special honor accorded her by her alma mater, the University of Colorado. An exhibition of 56 original color plates of the "Insect Guide", a book on which she collaborated with her late husband, Ralph Swain, an entomologist, constituted a one-man show and brought her wide acclaim.

These large handsome illustrations of insects done in water color bring out the beauty and interest of creatures we are apt to shun, and think of as pests. The plates were presented to the university and will become their permanent collection to be hung in the Insect Hall. Both she and her husband "belong" to the University of Colorado—she was a fine arts major and he received his doctorate from there.

Su Zan Swain has written and illustrated a book for children called "Insects in Their World" which includes more than 150 insects, with the majority in color, and is the same size as her newest book on "Plants of Woodland and Wayside". For the 1959 edition of the Book of Knowledge she completed drawings in color of moths and butterflies, has done the insect drawings for Compton's Encyclopedia, and illustrated the "Story of Rocks" by D.E. Shuttleworth. Harmar

The Kiwanis club held Ladies' night Monday evening at the Valper and a short business meeting ley Vista Inn. Following the sup-music and dancing was arranged by Stanley Powers, president-elect of the club.

## How To Decorate The Nursery

An anticipated labor of love for every young mother, and father, too, for that matter, is decorating the new nursery, whether it's baby's own room or just a corner of a bedroom. Sometimes, though, it takes a bit of imagination and ingenuity to keep the cost of nursery furnishings from running away with the pocketbook.

There are some interesting and inexpensive devices such as babyland characters made of easy-to-apply vinyl that can be used to decorate a nursery wall, baby's crib, playpen or high chair. Or dress up a plain lampshade with these picture-book cut-outs that include a whimsical cow, rabbit, bear, goose and kitten. They'll be familiar to baby as they are, the same as those that appear on cereal boxes.

Another way to avoid cutting too wide a swathe in the budget is to scout attics or second-hand shops for a crib and a chest of drawers for baby, and a comfortable chair or rocker for mother. Thoroughly scrubbed and given a coat of fresh, non-lead type of paint will make them look brand new and turn them into a pleasing nursery ensemble.

Still another useful but easy-on-the-pocketbook idea is to



enamel an ordinary wicker tray or basket with handles to hold all the assorted necessities for baby's bath. It can be lined with a turkish towel and separated into compartments by using the side panels of a sturdy cardboard box.

These ideas, plus a few inexpensive additional touches, like a whimsical night light and such will make a charming nursery for baby and his visiting admirers. And the money you didn't spend on expensive furnishings can go into his bank account for future use.

## News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes of West Northfield are spending the winter at Lake Worth, Fla. Mrs. Barnes' sister-in-law, Mrs. Harrison Kingsbury of Athens, Vt., is with them. While Mr. Barnes is away Rev. Everett Moore will carry the mail from the station to the South Vernon post office.

A generous gift of \$50 to the Irving J. Lawrence fund made possible a Christmas gift of that amount to Mr. Lawrence. This makes a total for the I.J.L. fund sponsored by the Civic Council of \$730.50.

Another fine gift at this season of the year was the sum of \$63.36 collected by the students of the Pioneer Valley regional school as a Christmas gift to the Salvation Army. Each student gave the amount he would have spent for an exchange gift and the student gifts to each other were omitted this year at the annual Christmas party.

## Library Notes

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dens book on Flower Arranging, for everyday and special occasions, 115 illustrations in color. The third one is "Making Corsages at Home," by Dorothy Biddle and Dorothea Blom.

Next week, the yearly reports will be due and the schools will be opening again.

Mrs. Cook, my assistant, and I join in wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year.

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Grade 2, Mrs. LaClaire, teacher; Carol Bolton, Susan Callahan, Geraldine Fritz, Kathleen Huber, Charlotte Pfeil, Susan Schryba, Carolyn Stange, Kathryn Wood, James Abbey, Fred Arseneault, Jr., Louis Davis, Jr., Dale Delano, Francis Krejmas, Bruce Rogers, and Derrell Stratford.

Grade 3, Mrs. Stebbins, teacher; Milford Atwood, William Barnes, Paul Bolton, David Brasseur, Gerald Clough, Charles Cook, Douglas Edson, Richard Howe, Thomas Jones, Donald Knapp, Elbert McCassie, John Patula, Richard Schepp, Elizabeth Baker, Linda Fisher, Leslie Ann Gibson, Nancy Kemp, Camilla Mayberry, Christine Powers, Deborah Sliz, Nancy Stratton and Loraine Tie.

Grade 4, Mrs. Miles, teacher; Gilbert Fuller, Peter Holloway,

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## BIRTHS

A daughter, Debra Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Overdorff of 39 Main street Dec. 26 at the Cooley Dickinson hospital, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Richardson of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Overdorff of New Florence, Pa.

Gerald Kavanaugh, Kevin Young, Robin Wyman, Rachel Black, Linda Hartwell, Mary Hathaway, Rebecca Miller, Judy Powers, and Linda White.

Grade 4, Mrs. Sheldon, teacher; Donald Hartwell, Arthur Knapp, Ralph Palmer, Clifford Porter, Michael Powers, Brian Rice, Bonnie Carey, Kathleen Griffin, Melinde Hatheway, Marlene Leach, Karen Livingston, Alice Lord, Jane Sanderson, Rebecca True.

Grade 5, Mrs. Barry teacher; Gary Clark, Robert Huber, Judy Bistrek, Kathleen Chula, Angela Randall.

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Grade 6, Mr. Moran, teacher; Mary Ann Tuttle, Mary E. Tenney, Linda Scott, Glanna Palmer, Linda Merrifield, Mary Anna Lucien, Jo Anne Klowan, Alane Black, Thadd Bistrek, Frederick Given, Daniel Goodwin, Scot Sanderson.

Grade 6, Mr. Norrell, teacher; Michael Edson, Kleth Hall, Robert Hartwell, Dennis Holloway, Stephen Kemp, Albert Stone, Barry Webber, Sally Atwood, Margaret Chula, Mary Hawley, Joy Holloway, Linda Huber, Susan Leonard, Jeanne Shearer and Ethel Walker.

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## News from Winchester

Mrs. Russell A. Bigelow, Correspondent  
Melvin Bridge Rd., Phone 73-21 News may be phoned

An eight-pound daughter was born Dec. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Willard of Warwick road. Grandparents are Frederick D. Donovan and John F. Willard, all of Winchester.

Mrs. Muriel P. Stempkowski of Union street received word Dec. 1 that she passed the Massachusetts state board examination she took in August for the LPN license. She has attended the Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing in Northampton, Mass., and is employed at Bronson's Nursing home in Northfield, Mass., where she has worked for 10 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barden and three children, Mrs. Patricia Collier and daughter, Karen Lee, were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kobera and two children of Turners Falls, Mass. Mrs. Collier and daughter also visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Collier of Roxbury St., Keene, N. H.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. William King and two children, Brian and Toni Marie, of Freeport, Me., have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Caban, and Stanley, Jr., for a week.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blair and two children of Richmond St. were Mrs. Elinor Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Manolo Diaz and daughter of Boston, Mass.

Miss Lenora Cooney and her uncle, Peter Chereski of Northampton, Mass., have been holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Pulaski and son, James, of North Main St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Bliss were Christmas day guests of

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Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Doolittle and three children, Betty Jane, Nancy Lynn and Paul of Ashuelot, N. H.

Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herman were Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers and three children, Sylvia, John, Jr., and Kevin of Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Herman of Manchester, Emerson Herman and Audrey Russell of Ashuelot.

Miss Beverly Herman, senior at New Britain Teachers college, New Britain, Conn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Helen Herman, of Ashuelot for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Donovan were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Snow of Snow Ave., Hinsdale, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Frost of High St. entertained the following guests of Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson and daughter, Martha; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gray of East Bridgewater, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goodnow and four children, David, Wayne, Marjorie and Lloyd of West Swanzy, and Mrs. Winnie D. Frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Grubel and two children, Robert and Betsey of Sauguit, N. Y., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Guy Johnson, for a week. Miss Mary L. Johnson is spending a two-week vacation from the Oakwood school of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where she is a teacher, in Winchester. Other guests who attended Christmas eve with Mr. and Mrs. S. Guy Johnson were Mrs. William L. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson and daughter, Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Hildreth and sons, Robert and David of Clark road, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dear and three children, Lonnie, Debra and Candy, of Union St., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brewer and son, Patrick, of Manchester, Conn., Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fosdick and daughters, Joni Ellen and Barbara, spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hildreth and family of Clark road.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Martin and two daughters, Joyce and Joan, were Christmas day guests of Miss Patricia Secord of Michigan St.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenroy Scott of Keene entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dean Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson and two children, Jeffrey and Cynthia, of Winchester Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Scott on Christmas day also.

There will be a Thayer high school basketball game with Charlemont here Jan. 6.

Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wasleski of Ashuelot were Anthony Grzelecki of Ashuelot, Frank Grzelecki of Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Miller of Brattleboro and Mr. and Mrs. James Wood and three children of Brattleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Bigelow and children of Melvin Bridge road entertained the following Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cram of Westminster Station, Vt., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Bigelow, Sr., and Martha Jane of Northfield, Mass.

The Ellen Lambert Murphy Memorial Community Center was willed \$25,000 by the late Francis P. Murphy who passed away Dec. 19 in Nashua. Murphy, 81, lived in Winchester several years during his boyhood.

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## WINCHESTER 50 Years Ago

From the Winchester Star, A. J. Pettingill, Publisher, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1908

The young people are enjoying the fine coasting on the hills in Ashuelot.

Misses Dodge and Baber of Keene have charge of the telephone office.

W. C. Willson is fitting up the barn at the Universalist parsonage to use as a carriage paintshop.

The many friends of Elijah Baker will be pleased to learn that he is much improved from his recent illness.

A sort of after-piece of Christmas was executed by a number of Polanders Saturday who paraded the streets in fantastic costumes.

Married in Hinsdale, N. H., Dec. 18 by Rev. George R. Locke was Leslie Naramore of Winchester and Miss Edith Pearson of Hinsdale.

The Christmas rush struck Winchester in the form of the disposal of 1100 one-cent stamps at the post office a couple of days last week.

E. H. Buffum entertained several of his old comrades at a

## OBITUARY

Mrs. M. L. Jutras

Dec. 27 Mrs. Muriel Ledith Jutras, 40, passed away at her Forest Lake home. She was born in Portland, Me., Feb. 17, 1918, daughter of Henry and Ledith (Barcomb) Harris. Mrs. Jutras was a worker in the cancer fund drive and a member of the Ladies' Aid society of the Community church in Westport.

Survivors are her husband, George; one son, William; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Nims; her mother; five sisters, Mrs. Carmen Rand of Putney, Vt., Miss Shirley Emerson of Yuma, Ark., Shirley Emerson of Yuma, Ariz., Mrs. Vera Harrington of Boston, Mrs. Henrietta Burgess of North Tonawanda, N. Y., and Mrs. Ora Ellis of Middlebury, Vt.; six brothers, Kenneth, in Korea, and Arthur, Howard, Verne, Edward and Allen, at home, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Community church in Westport with Rev. Lew M. Swancott officiating, assisted by Rev. Edgar Flory of Winchester. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery, Winchester.

## CHURCH NOTES

**FEDERATED CHURCH**  
Rev. Edgar Flory, Minister  
Mrs. Edgar Flory, Sunday School Superintendent

Mrs. Franklin Kellom, Organist  
Church school at 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday worship, 11 a.m., South church.

6 p.m., Youth Fellowship.  
Monday, 8 p.m., Bible readings at the home of Mrs. Stephen Johnson.

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., prayer fellowship sessions.

Tuesday, 3:15 p.m., junior choir rehearsal, South church.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, E. C. W. Circle, the King's Daughters, will have a special program at 2:30 p.m. Visitors welcomed at the South church vestry.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, joint committee meeting.

Thursday, 7:15 p.m., senior choir rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Franklin Kellom.

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Rev. John E. Pitts, Pastor  
Mass Saturday at 7:45 a.m.  
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Novelty party Saturday at 7:30 p.m., at the town hall.

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Communion Sunday for the children and the PRCU. The PRCU will hold its regular monthly meeting following 10 a.m. mass.

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